

# Collaborative Drive-In Conference Feedback

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## Plus

1. Great conference! There was something in each session I could take back and share with others and use myself even if I had to modify the activity.
2. Sessions were great. Presenters tied in common core expectations.
3. Effective strategies to take & implement immediately; timing.
4. Differentiated between regular and edu glogster sites in literary strategies session. Some of the new concepts presented were very good ones. (Reciprocal teaching, “show me the evidence.” I really like how Abbey based her presentation on what the group was interested in.
5. Enjoyed all the sessions! Walked away with some very useful information.
6. Awesome presenters; loved tech and lit the best.
7. Fantastic classes! Learned a lot.
8. Info was great! Loved all the sessions, I have a ton of useful resources that I’m taking back. Appreciated the agenda and honoring our time.
9. The facility was very nice, very organized. The sessions were all very informative and energizing.
10. Daily 5 & Kagan learning. Incorporating new strategies in the classroom that are unique. Learning ways to incorporate rap and comics in effective ways. Helpful websites.
11. Loved the ideas from the 5. Rap, Grant’s enthusiasm was awesome to see in action! Particularly L.A. staff was helpful.
12. Rap - great! Secondary literacy.
13. Circus in classroom: Good information about how to set up your classroom and keep the kids engaged. I will be trying out something similar to “Daily 5.” Good ideas on how to reach students through music. I can’t wait to get my kids to come up with a rap. Useful links for the classrooms.
14. Dearth of ideas. Opportunity for input/sharing.
15. Very professional presentations. Knowledge/content; relevant info.
16. All presentations were very helpful and informative. Enjoyed it.
17. Good hands on tools. Excellent for us overwhelmed new teachers.
18. Ways of breaking up literacy for all to be accountable for! Very informative incredible resources.
19. Presentations were great.

20. Every session I attended was well-planned & very informational. I will be implementing what I have learned on Monday.
21. Circus or classroom: provide resources to apply what we discussed. Classroom mgmt: went over many good topics to help me. Technology: many, many good ideas.
22. Excellent tech resources!
23. Bridging the gap was an amazing session, actual strategies that I could use in my class and across grades.
24. All of these were good. The sessions weren't too long. The facilitators were knowledgeable.
25. Literacy strategies (elem.) This was amazing! Tech in classroom, amazing instructor; great class. Circus/classroom: love all the strategies esp. daily five.
26. Very informative - CR mgmt. Gained great insight into tech. tools for the classroom - what to use is out there. Daily 5 very good tool that interests me greatly.
27. I enjoyed all of the sessions that I attended today even if the subject didn't directly relate to my music classroom. I learned more today than the entire weekend at UNC.
28. Resources, discussion.
29. Classroom mgmt - good resources on practices and procedures to help new teachers on managing the classroom. Innovated ways to teach.
30. Interesting topics, nice variation of sessions.
31. Awesome! Liked the way he took what he liked and the students like combined. Tech was interesting as always as well as circus/classroom.
32. Circus/classroom really helped me b/c I do the daily 5.
33. I liked the format - plenty of choices. For a "day" of PD, the length seemed appropriate. Enjoyable power of rap. Fed us - thank you ☺
34. Gave real examples of their classroom. Went through it as a classroom and kept it engaged. Positive and into what she was teaching.
35. Good sessions especially the rap b/c it will capture the students attentions and motivate them. Good info!
36. Everything was great!
37. It was a great talk session - classroom mgmt. We learned from others. This was a wonderful class; we did many things to make learning better. Great class for getting students interested.
38. Every session was very engaging. I was worried about giving up my Saturday planning time today, but I am so excited to use all the strategies I learned in my class. Awesome; the rap session was da bomb!
39. Literary strategies - great resources! Super helpful. Mr. Grant is my hero, best session ever!
40. Resources from both circus/classroom and bridging the gap were beneficial and had take aways that actively engage students in collaboration. Activities, transitions, study skills.
41. The rap song was great!
42. Consistent, setting expectations.
43. Enjoyed all sessions. Very helpful info that I will incorporate in my class.
44. Bridging the gap is a hit and needs to be shown in a lot of professional developments. Circus/classroom is a very helpful tool as well. Classroom mgmt was very helpful, enjoyed the youtube videos that were shown.
45. Every presentation was awesome. Everyone was helpful.
46. Seemed like a good way to introduce vocabulary and prefixes with "the power of rap." Tie in plot when there is narrative. Differentiate instruction; we were given a wide array of tools to help facilitate differentiate instruction.
47. I enjoyed the power of rap!! Everything was good, learned a lot of great information about classroom mgmt and differentiated instruction.

48. Symbaloo of technology in the classroom; resources and how to use them. Time of the sessions was nice - enough time to keep me interested and not bored. Daily 5...learned a lot!
49. Presenters had updated their presentations and new teachers appeared to be interested. The day went by rapidly b/c of the planning that was done.
50. Very informational in the classroom mgmt class. I learned a lot I never would have thought about. Received great ideas at the differentiated instruction session. I enjoyed the power of rap session. It was a lot of fun; learning should be fun.
51. Consistent. Routines, procedures, and lesson plans. Joined PBIS team! Setting expectations.... Bridging the gap was awesome!
52. Different ideas every time for classroom. Nice venue, snacks.
53. Great advice, very helpful. Awesome, so many great ideas should be mandatory for everyone! Wonderful! So helpful, thank you!
54. Good topics. Wish I could've gone to more or all of them.
55. Daily 5. Team building strategies. Student as class mascot I can chart. Classroom mgmt includes everything that goes on within your classroom not just behavior. Rap introduction. Vocab jab. Rap class starters!
56. Loved the circus or classroom session, very helpful. Loved the class engagement in the session. Will use the rap session in my classroom, really liked it.
57. Diff instruction - lots of methods. Lit strategies - reading/writing/creating and technology.
58. Sparked ideas that I can incorporate into my classroom. Loved the last 2 videos. Very informative. Discussions were enlightening. Very fun and engaging. Makes me wish I was an English teacher, but makes me strive to go back and work to incorporate into my math room.
59. CM - engaging voice during instruction. AP Harrell is and has a way of getting your attention. Good job. Circus/classroom - all great ideas, but I do not feel I could personally use these for what I do. I plan on trying to implement some of these techniques.
60. Great presenters with valuable information. Differentiation strategies I can use in my class.
61. Interesting technology resources in secondary lit. strat. Good take home handouts. Ideas that applied to k-12 which will help students that are physically in one grade but might mentally be in another.

## **Delta**

1. None, sessions were awesome.
2. Post more/better directional signs for those who don't know the university. Possibly have a brief description of sessions so attendees can best choose sessions that would help them?
3. More time! We were just getting into the meat of several sessions and time ran out!
4. It's chilly
5. No vegan/vegetarian options! Dietary concerns not asked for at all. Didn't receive an address or building in the invitation - didn't know where I was going!
6. Targeting more grade level. I loved learning about different strategies but would like to know how to use if for my grade level.
7. Very little info on how to teach struggling readers to be successful @ secondary level. Little research evidence, no empirical data.
8. Wasn't sure how to implement some of the information in middle school.
9. Diff & lit strategies not interactive enough, harder to stay engaged.
10. More high school sessions; science and math
11. Not enough time for networking w/in subject matter, etc.
12. Got to warm up the work. So that students can be comfortable to perform task given.

13. Lunch/breakfast was okay.
14. Went too fast, need more time.
15. I wish there were more physical strategies or ideas we could use or practice in class.
16. Should've lasted a lot longer!
17. Classrooms were very cold.
18. This was the weekend after UNC & next weekend we go to Weldon so it's a lot. I would pick this over UNC.
19. None.
20. Long, no lunch choices, lack of resources.
21. Information felt rushed to me. Didn't get a chance to play around w/ the websites. Needed to be in bigger room for activities.
22. Need more examples in differentiated instruction and classroom management.
23. Circus/classroom seemed very much geared towards elementary. That's not a problem - but perhaps that could have been more of an elementary level approach.
24. Management - talked a lot. Circus - geared towards elementary.
25. Really wish there was a session on EC classroom mgmt. I was disappointed not to see that.
26. Differentiated instruction - went over on time; wish we could have gone over more.
27. Wish the facilities had more technology integrated in the building we were housed.  
(Smartboard capabilities, projectors)
28. The lunch wasn't good.
29. Great job by presenter, engages students.
30. Wish there was more time.
31. Sessions were very broad.
32. There needs to be signs pointing to where we need to be. Some of us were lost with no idea where to go.
33. N/A, great job by presenter.
34. Directions in getting in here.
35. I thought that the sessions were too long. Maybe make them shorter and then we could go to more or get our earlier. Really broad session topics. Felt like clinicians were running out of things to talk about.
36. Diff. instruction - how do you diff in unruly classrooms?
37. Too focused around kindergarten, couldn't use a lot of the information for a senior class.
38. Reception from BT training from home school prior to new school year. Location - could've been in one location in large auditorium as one group.
39. Needs to be more content specific.

## Comments

1. The classroom management presentation was a lot of review from both my education courses and my county's new teacher orientation. Possibly that session would have been better as a facilitated discussion? Or it may be more needed by lateral entry?
2. Very good conference!
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4. Excellent presentations!
5. Refreshments b/n sessions: it would be nice if chips or chocolate were available. Different meal provider.
6. Overall, very happy I came and stayed.
7. Classroom mgmt session was comprehensive and included some real life illustrations on how to bring all the pieces together.

8. I really enjoyed all 3 sessions. I learned a lot of great information. This conference has helped me and I will use some of these things in my classroom.
9. All three sessions were very good and I gained valuable information that I can take back to my school.
10. Every session was very useful and informative. I was provided with information I can actually use. Thank you.
11. Technology in the classroom was a great sessions! Showed not only the different technologies but examples of them and how to use them. Bridging the gap...a great presenter! Mr. Grant inspired me on what I can do to connect with my students. I took a lot of information from the Drive-in that I can take back to school and put into use on Monday☺. Learned the parts of Daily 5 and how to use it k-12.
12. Very good conference.
13. I got a lot of fresh ideas from these sessions. Thank you for your insight.
14. I found the sessions I attended very helpful for me as a first year teachers. I now have better ideas of varying my methods of instruction as well as how to have better classroom management plans. The rap session was the most fun. I hope it continues to be a session for now teachers to pick from in the future. Overall, very good conference. I really learned a lot.
15. Loved the rap class, needs to be implemented in every class!
16. Thank you for the opportunity!
17. Need signs on where to go for people not familiar with this area. Arriving on campus with no signs pointing to where the conference is being held was frustrating. If not for a college student telling how to drive to camp hall, I would've never found the building on my own.
18. Really enjoyed all the sessions that I went to.
19. Very informative, interesting, well presented, things you can take back to your class and immediately implement. Add what you like to do in your classroom. Children remember better when set to music; inspiring.
20. Would love to visit Mrs. Elk's classroom to see how it flows. Really enjoyed the rap class session, I will go back into my classroom on Monday and introduce some of them.
21. With the introduction of project ideas (tech as well as pen/paper) add how to grade the assignments.
22. My overall experience was great. I wish I would've had more time to get into the other sessions to see what they had to offer. All the sessions I attended was geared towards elementary so there wasn't much to take away for me as a high school teacher. The greatest thing I listened to was the power of rap.
23. Power of rap - good job in demonstrating how to get student's involved in the learning instruction and teaching. Interesting to see how others implement personal styles and ways to use personal experiences in using teaching techniques. Overall the sessions are worth the time and effort. Would like to have had the time and opportunity to see other sessions. Using a large auditorium might be a better location.
24. Differentiated instruction - thought the presenter was fantastic but we ran out of time before we even go half-way though the presentation. Would've liked more examples on how to differentiate in a classroom with EC students, and AIG students. Literacy strategies for secondary students had some wonderful concepts and ideas. Would love to have seen more examples for different content areas. Circus/classroom - related to elementary more than older grades.
25. Differentiated instruction - I really wanted to see legal examples of adequate differentiated examples for EC and AIG students. Still don't know how much differentiation there needs to

be or how often to be legally with in IEPs and AIG students learning contracts. Lit strategies - learned some good tech. websites. Wanted to learn more about literacy across subject areas; how to teach informational text, comprehension and so forth with a variety of literacy strategies. I need to learn how to teach reading, secondary ed. Classes expect that the students will already know that skill so they don't teach the teachers how to teach reading to middle and high school. Classroom mgmt - would have liked some tips with behavior modification and volume mgmt/transitions that are effective and FUN for the teacher and students.